

Independent Democracy in Vermont.

From the Burlington Free Press.
To one who has from his earliest political existence been ardently devoted to the principles of the great Democratic party, and drank deep of the true Jeffersonian spirit, it is, however, most gratifying to be allowed to ask the indulgence of the Whig press, in order to give publicity to thorough and well considered conclusions of duty.

In what I say, I have no doubt I utter the sentiments of a large portion of the Democracy of Vermont, who are unable to speak through the medium of the democratic press, whose obsequiousness to party dictation is absolute.

The nomination of Lewis Cass for the Presidency by the National Convention has compelled a large majority of the voters of Vermont to desert the free states, either entirely to repudiate the nomination, or sacrifice their cardinal principles upon the rocking altar of political expediency.

How can an honest man hesitate upon such an alternative?

The great question, with which all others dwindle into insignificance, is that involved in the principle of the Wilmot Proviso, and although little personal sympathy may be felt for some of the leaders of the Barnburners in New-York, yet it cannot be denied, that the principles for which they contend find deep resonance in the heart of the democracy of Vermont.

The time has come for action—firm, fearless, decisive action.

In the days when the heaven-born spirit of American liberty was in its infancy, its great people and advocates were led, in view of the existence of slavery in our midst, to exclaim, "I tremble for my country when I remember that God is just," while alarums were raised in the state of Cincinnati, in consequence of the slaves carried on the city of Washington.

A motion was made, that the slaves be freed, and it was laid on the table.

Mr. Hale, of South Carolina, elected a slave, Mr. Black, deceased, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Wentworth of Illinois made an unsuccessful attempt to fix a day for the consideration of the river and harbor bill.

Mr. Ashmun introduced a resolution to adjourn July 1. It was acceded by abstaining the 17th and passed.

TUESDAY, June 13.

Senate.—Mr. Hale presented a petition from Ohio, asking for the removal of the west of government to Cincinnati, in consequence of the slaves carried on the city of Washington.

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Mr. Hale then naked leave to withdraw the petition, and a debate ensued, and Senators Hale, Bigby, Mangan, and Niles, took part. Leave was refused—7 to 31.

Mr. Webster reported a resolution to amend the naturalization laws, so that children of American parents born abroad, may be citizens of the United States, under a strict construction of the present laws they are not.

Mr. Berrien moved to take up the joint resolution of the House for the adjournment of Congress, on the 17th of July. A debate ensued in which Manton, Davis, of Mississippi, Bigby, Dalton, Atherton, Dickinson, Ross, and Calhoun took part, when the motion was rejected, 16 to 21.

A bill to pay for horses lost in the military service was defeated, and referred to the Military Committee.

House.—Mr. Palfrey made an unsuccessful motion to introduce Mr. Vattenvare's bill of interrogatories.

Mr. Berrien moved to reconsider the report against extending pensions in certain cases. The motion was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Navy bill. An amendment to appropriate \$25,000 for the purchase of land to enlarge Brooklyn Navy Yard was adopted.

WEDNESDAY, June 14.

In Senate, the Indian Appropriation bill was discussed, the question being on Mr. Bell's motion to strike out the provision concerning the Indians.

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